

## ALL-DAY SESSIONS OF CITY COURT IS RULING OF DUCOMB

New Judge to Clean Up  
Docket—Also Acts to Clean  
Up Court Chamber.

Serving notice to attorneys that city court procedure would be hastened and that court sessions would continue morning and afternoon until the docket is cleared of its accumulation of pending cases, City Judge Clifford E. DuComb, presiding over the court today, issued the following order:

Immediately after the morning session of court was over, the new judge precipitated a near riot by securing the more comely brother of the broom and initiated the move to make more commodious the court chamber itself, and to beautify its surroundings.

**Rail Hangers Out.**  
The rail which for years had held back the motley crowd of court room habitués was removed from one side of the room and seats rearranged to permit of more room for the actual business of court. A two-by-four space was all that was left for the curious bystanders.

On the opening of court, Judge DuComb called attention to the conditions which brought about the great number of pending cases. Nearly one-half of the more than 225 pending cases, he said, await trial on the disposition of attorneys who have been selected special judges by defendants.

"These attorneys will be sought out and requested to set their respective cases for early trial," declared the new judge.

**Recognizes Responsibility.**  
Addressing his first audience, Judge DuComb said:

"I recognize the duties of the office which I have assumed and appreciate the tasks there are to perform."

"In order to accomplish the successful expedition of city court business, I will need the cooperation of the police department and attorneys who have cases in this court."

"The docket contains 225 or more

of cases awaiting trial, some pending for considerable time. Of this number, 145 charge liquor law violations. More than 100 of the total cases pending await the calling of hearings by special judges.

"It will be the duty of this court to call these cases up and dispose of them. If special judge cases are held up awaiting each time for the new judges to qualify, I shall nominate for new strikings. The members of the bar will be requested to bring their cases up for early disposal. City court will hold all-day sessions until the docket has been cleared."

The new judge, who succeeded George W. Ormacht on the bench, sought out the members of the board of public works immediately after court was adjourned. The board, which was in regular session, was requested to repair to the city court room and note the changes that had been effected in the matter of general clean-up and shifting of furniture. The board was asked to appropriate sufficient funds for the laying of linoleum on the floor. The matter was taken under consideration.

Flowers bedecked the usual sombre surroundings of the city hall offices Tuesday.

Two large baskets of roses welcomed Mayor Eli F. Seebirt on his arrival at the mayor's office in the city hall Tuesday morning. The flowers were presented by the University club and the other from O. A. Clark.

Judge Clifford E. DuComb held his first day's session of city court Tuesday with a basket of flowers upon the bench, presented with the best wishes by Messrs. O. A. Clark, Edward Keller and Dr. L. J. Smith.

**U. S. PROBES RIOT.**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The navy department today announced that a court of inquiry has been ordered to investigate the disturbance at Shanghai, China, between American sailors and Italians which resulted in the injury of a number of Americans and the death of one.

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## AMERICA IS QUIET ON SIBERIAN PLOT

U. S. Envoys Inform Washington, However, of Proposed Agreement.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Despite the denials so vehemently voiced by French and Japanese delegates in Washington that a secret agreement exists between their governments over mutual policies to be pursued in Siberia, the question was uppermost in the minds of the conference delegates today when they resumed work after the holidays.

Officially, the denials of the French and Japanese have been accepted by the American government. Between the word of two recognized and friendly powers and the word of an unrecognized, uninvited, new public of doubtful stability, there can be but one choice so far as the United States government officially is concerned.

The publication of these alleged secret agreements by official delegates of the Far East Chita government has served to draw maximum attention to the whole question due to be taken up by the conference shortly. In view of the disclosures made, the attitudes of the French and Japanese over the matter of a resolution pledging the powers to observe the territorial and perhaps the administrative integrity of Russia and Siberia will be watched with absorbing interest by the other powers of the conference.

Aware of "Understanding." There were no indications today that the United States plans to take advantage of the Chita delegates' invitation to have their papers examined by a state department representative. As a matter of fact, there are known to be in the files of the state department reports from American ambassadors in the

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Far East that are of a startling nature.

Norman H. Davis, former under secretary of state, is known to have expressed the opinion before the senate foreign relations committee that a Franco-Japanese "understanding" with regard to Russia and Siberia already was in existence or was being worked out.

None of the powers of Washington conference is officially "taking any cognizance of the Chita disclosures, but 'unofficially' the revelations are being discussed almost to the exclusion of other matters of the conference adjournment, two highly regarded topics of conversation for the past 10 days.

**Hostile To Root Plan.**  
The conference itself moved steadily toward adjournment. Indications were when the experts resumed the gathering up of loose ends of the naval treaty will be ready for a plenary session of the conference by the last of this week.

The one deterrent factor is the Root resolution proposing restrictions that virtually kill the submarine as a legal weapon of warfare.

So far only the American and British governments have approved it entirely. The Japanese, French and Italian delegates referring it to their home governments for instruction.

Strong doubt was expressed whether the Root resolution would be adopted as it lies. Indications were that the French and Japanese at least will decline to approve it, although they have not received final instructions from their respective governments. The sentiment

among the delegates here, however, is against it.

**Shantung Settlement?**  
The opinion was expressed in responsible quarters that the naval treaty ultimately will go no further than pledging the power of the existing law in the "right and search" of merchant vessels by submarines in war time.

Methods of scrapping existing tonnage methods of replacement and the date on which replacement construction can begin, are other minor points that remain to be adjusted.

It is possible, too, that consideration of Chinese problems will be resumed this week. Negotiations are under way for a reopening of the Sino-Japanese conversations over the return of Shantung, which were discontinued when a deadlock was reached over the matter of railroad control.

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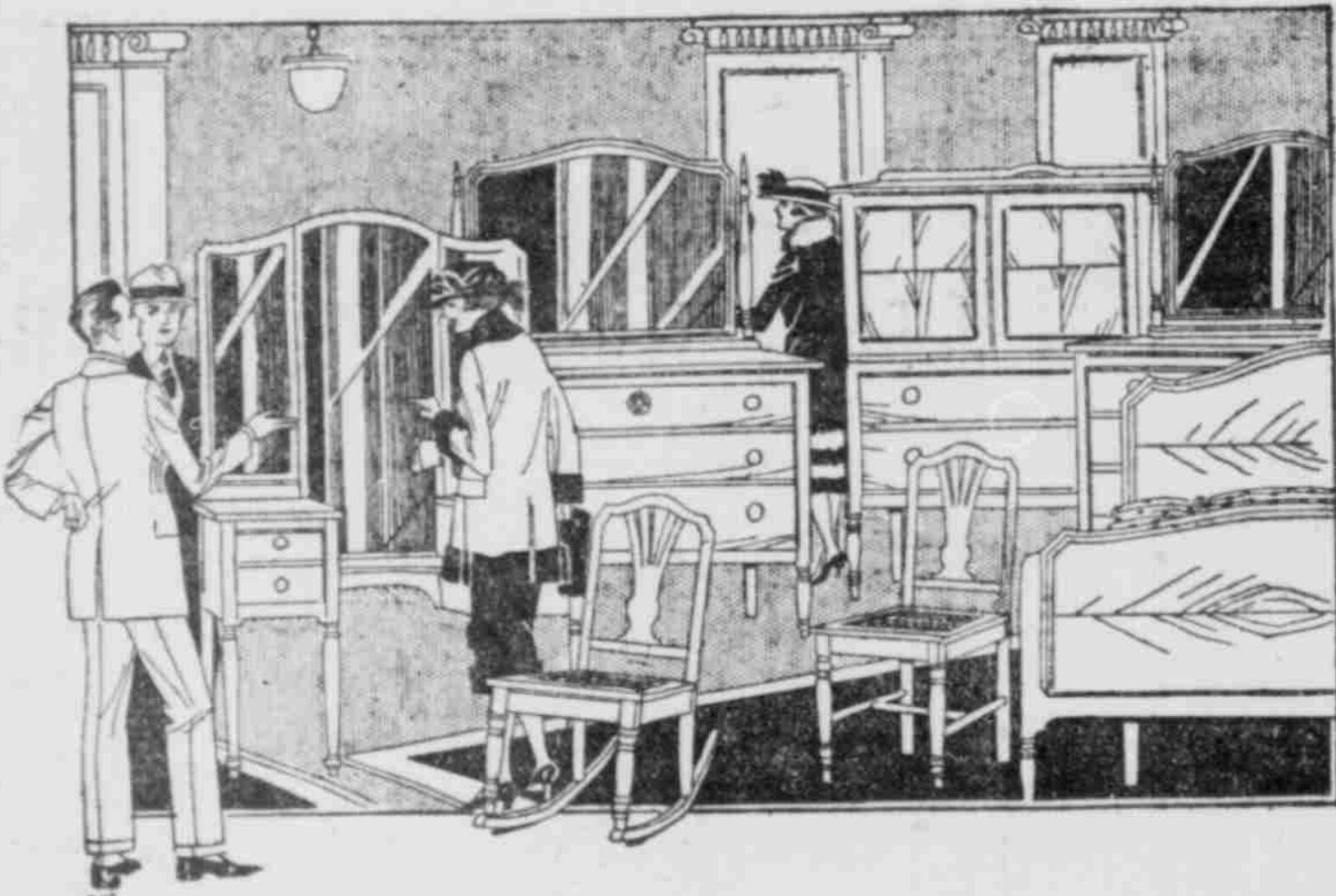
## KANSAS COURT CASE HEARING ON FEB. 27

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The supreme court of the United States today assigned for hearing on Feb. 27 the appeals of Alexander Howat and other labor leaders in Kansas for contempt of court for failure to obey an order of the Kansas court of industrial relations. The labor leaders contend that the court was created under an unconstitutional law.

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<b>WOMEN'S UP TO \$15</b> <b>COATS</b> <b>6.69</b> Women's and Misses' Coats of fine Wool Velours, Kerseys and others; while they last, at 6.69. <b>STOUT WOM'S COATS</b> Stout Women's Winter Coats of fine Velours, Broadcloth and others; smartly styled; sizes to 38; at \$16.69.	<b>Up to \$3.50</b> <b>HATS</b> <b>69c</b> Choose from Trimmed and Tailored Hats in velvet and many others; all colors; at 69c. <b>New Spring HATS \$3.69</b>	<b>UP TO \$35</b> <b>Women's SUITS</b> <b>\$9.69</b> Women's and Misses' Smart Suits, made of fine Jersey and Velours, all sizes—plain and fur trimmed; at 69c. <b>Women's \$50 STOUT SUITS</b> <b>\$19.69</b>	<b>WOMEN'S UP TO \$15</b> <b>DRESSES</b> <b>6.69</b> Thursday and Friday Sale of Women's and Misses' all wool Dresses—Choose from Serges and Velours; many styles to select from—at \$6.69. <b>WOMEN'S 9c SKIRTS</b> Women's and Misses' Skirts—Choose from all wanted sizes; neatly tailored; at \$1.69.
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<b>SALE OF WOMEN'S REAL \$1.50 WASH</b> <b>Blouses</b> <b>69c</b> Women's fine Wash Blouses—Choose from all wanted sizes; well made; while they last at 69c. <b>WOMEN'S UP TO \$7.50 BLOUSES</b> Beautiful Silk Georgette Blouses—Choose from all colors; many numbers; special at 3.69	<b>SENSATIONAL SALE OF REAL \$3.00 COTTON</b> <b>Blankets</b> <b>\$1.69</b> Fine Cotton Blankets—Well made 90x76 with pink or blue border; at \$1.69. <b>REAL \$7.50 WOOL NAP BLANKETS</b> Woolnap Blankets—Worth \$7.50 regular; large size; many colors to pick from at 3.69	<b>SPECIAL SALE OF WOMEN'S \$2.00 MUSLIN</b> <b>GOWNS</b> <b>69c</b> Women's fine Muslin Night Gowns; choose from all wanted sizes; well made; value to \$2; embroidery trimmed; at 69c. <b>WOMEN'S \$1.75 MUSLIN CHEMISE</b> Women's fine Muslin Chemises—Choose from all wanted sizes; neatly trimmed with fine embroidery; at 69c.
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<b>Men's \$3.50</b> <b>Sweaters</b> <b>\$1.69</b> Men's Sweaters; well made; in all wanted shades; special at \$1.69.	<b>\$3.00 Suit CASES</b> <b>\$1.69</b> Fine Suit Cases; well made, with strong corners; special at \$1.69.	<b>MORE 69c BARGAINS</b> 40c PILLOW CASES, 3 PAIR FOR 69c REAL \$1.25 O'CEDAR OIL MOPS 69c Children's \$1.25 KNIT CAPS, 2 for 69c 85c Women's Knit Petticoats, 2 for 69c Men's 19c FINE HOSE at 7 pair for 69c Children's \$1.75 Velvet BONNETS 69c Men's 85c Heavy Wool Hose, 2 pair 69c Children's 69c Black Bloomers, 2 pair 69c Infants' 75c WHITE DRESSES, 2 for 69c Children's 39c HOSE at 4 pair for 69c	<b>"Arrow" COLL'RS</b> <b>69c</b> Famous, Standard, well known Arrow Brand Collars; special at 69c.	<b>Child's \$2.50</b> <b>Sweaters</b> <b>\$1.69</b> Children's well made Sweaters; all colors; all wanted sizes—special at \$1.69.
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